

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES
PROJECT FACT SHEET
JULY 1996**

**HNC REVISION: 10 OCTOBER 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 31 OCTOBER 1996**

1. **SITE NAME:** Kirtland Air Force Base
Precision Bombing Range No. S-14

SITE NUMBER: K06NM045100

LOCATION:
City: 50 miles southwest of Albuquerque
County: Cibola
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM045101

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** Kirtland Air Force Base Precision Bombing Range No. S-14 was one of more than 25 PBRs located west of Albuquerque, New Mexico. S-14 is approximately 50 miles southwest of Albuquerque, with the exact location being the top of the Mesa Del Oro.

4. SITE HISTORY: On 6 July 1942, The Air Force Advanced Flying School at Albuquerque requested funds for acquisition of several practice bomb targets, including target S-14. The War Department determined on 29 August 1942 that there was a military necessity for land for PBRs in the Albuquerque area. PBR No. S-14, was located in what was Valencia County, but is now Cibola County. The target was laid out on 640.0 acres of what was and still is range land. From the latter part of 1942 to October 1946, the target was used for the training of bombardiers flying out of Kirtland Field. Planes used were AT-11s and the range was used for day and night practice bombing with M38A2 and Mk 15 practice bombs. No record of flight patterns for bombing runs were found.

On 23 October 1946, most of the PBRs, including S-14, were declared surplus and the Chief of Engineers was directed to dispose of the targets. Public Land Order No. 63 dated 18 November 1942, which withdrew the land, was revoked on 7 June 1948 by Public Land Order No. 483. The site of the former PBR No. S-14 is currently owned by the BLM. The area is used for grazing by The Pie Ranch, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Land surrounding the target is owned by: The Pie Ranch, the BLM, and the State of New Mexico. OE has been found on Pie Ranch land both north and south of the target.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:

Size, Acres:	640.0
Former Usage:	Bomb Target
Present Usage:	Range land (grazing)
Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Types:	Practice Bomb Debris

Area B:

Size, Acres:	160.0 (Not part of the original INPR)
Former Usage:	Buffer Zone
Present Usage:	Range land (grazing)
Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Types:	Practice Bomb Debris

Area C:

Size, Acres:	640.0 (Not part of the original INPR)
Former Usage:	Expanded Buffer Zone
Present Usage:	Range land (grazing)
Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
Ordnance Presence:	Potential
Types:	Practice Bomb Debris

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search report for the former Kirtland Air Force Base PBR No. S-14 was completed in July 1996 by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: EE/CA
Area B: EE/CA
Area C: EE/CA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

Area B was not included in the original INPR, however, there is confirmed ordnance in this area. The acreage of area B is 160.0 acres and is believed to be a buffer zone. It is recommended that the appropriate district amended the INPR to include this area. An EE/CA is recommended for this area.

Area C was not included in the original INPR. Area C is the remaining land surrounding the target area. There was no ordnance found in this area during the site investigation. Since the other areas have confirmed ordnance and there seems to be a great deal of ordnance outside the boundaries of the target, this area is considered to have a potential for ordnance presence. It is recommended that the appropriate district amended the INPR to include this area. An EE/CA is recommended for this area.

9. SCHEDULED SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only